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TAGS: PFOR, ILO AORG, DM (TEVOEDRJE ALBERT)

SUBJECT: ILO CANDIDACY OF ALBERT TEVOEDJRE FOR DIRECTOR
GENERAL

RE?: LAGOS A-204, SEPT. 17, 1973

1. THE EMBASSY MAY REPLY TO THE EMBASSY OF DAHOMEY THAT
IT APPRECIATES BEING ADVISED OF THE SUBJECT CANDIDACY, AND
STATE THAT THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN GIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF DAHOMEY THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON,
AND THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN COTONOU.

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2. THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BEING ADVISED OF THE CANDIDACY, AND STATED THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN WE MAKE OUR DECISIONS.

3. (BEGIN FYI) PRESENT ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S TERM EXPIRES MAY 31, 1975, AND ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS SUCCESSOR DESIGNATED AT ILO GOVERNING BODY SESSION OF NOVEMBER 1974, IT IS CONSTITUTIONALLY POSSIBLE FOR DESIGNATION TO BE DELAYED UNTIL SESSION OF MAY 1975. ALTHOUGH TEVOEDJRE'S CANDIDACY IS THE ONLY ONE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THUS FAR, WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE OTHER CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE SCENE, AND WE WANT TO SEE WHO THE OTHERS WILL BE BEFORE WE COMMIT OURSELVES.

4. WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT THERE WAS DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE AFRICANS WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH TEVOEDJRE SECURED THE OAU'S ENDORSEMENT, AND THAT ANGLOPHONE AFRICANS IN PARTICULAR WERE DISPLEASED. WE ARE ALSO GETTING RUMORS OF THE POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF S.M. KOKU, WHO WAS NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ILO GOVERNING BODY OF 1969-72, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE 1970-71 TERM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS MATTER THAT MAY COME TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION (END FYI) RUSH

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